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Cool down! The Green Register and GHA tackle hot topic in Bristol

Sustainable building pioneers The Green Register (TGR) are thrilled to join forces with the Good Homes Alliance (GHA) to bring a half-day seminar to Bristol's Create Centre next week. Along with carefully curated guest speakers, they will address the hot topic of preventing overheating in our homes.

Healthy Homes: Preventing Overheating takes place on Thursday July 4 from 13.30 - 17.30, offering talks and case studies from a range of leading experts. There will also follow an invaluable opportunity for discussion and delegate networking.

"Until recently, there has been - quite rightly - a focus on energy efficient buildings but as our climate continues to warm up, preventing our homes from overheating is an increasingly important issue to address. This seminar takes a critical look at what can be done to protect ourselves, particularly those most vulnerable, from excessive internal temperatures and all the health problems associated with this" said Lucy Pedler, Director of The Green Register.

As buildings increasingly have improved standards of air tightness, greater reliance on ventilation and increased levels of insulation the risks of rises in instances of overheating also increase. Indeed, informal reports from GHA members and the wider industry suggest that instances of overheating are already increasing, even before predicted warming and climate impacts really kick in.

The GHA has issued an informal call for evidence to understand if there are common problems and possible solutions, both for existing stock and newbuild. This seminar will explore the results of this survey and how we improve our modeling by addressing these issues at the very earliest stage in the design process to ensure best practice design, installation, commissioning and ongoing maintenance to reduce the occurrence of overheating.

" Good Homes Alliance are delighted to be jointly hosting this important event with Green Register, bringing important expertise and experience in avoiding overheating and creating healthy homes that is part of the sustainable homes challenge to the South West" said Pete Halsall of GHA, who will chair the afternoon.

Delegates are advised to book their places early to avoid disappointment at a rate of just £59 for Green Register / GHA members or £85 for non-members.

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Notes to Editors:

1. To arrange a press pass for this event, and for all enquiries, interview & information requests please call 0117 3773490 or email sally@greenregister.org.uk
2. The Green Register is an independent, non-profit training and membership organisation founded in 2000 which pioneers sustainable building practices across all sectors of the construction industry.
3. For more information and bookings please visit the website at www.greenregister.org.uk
4. The Good Homes Alliance is a group of housing developers, building professionals and other industry supporters whose aim is to transform the UK housing sector to ensure it creates and maintains Good Homes for all - www.goodhomes.org.uk